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Docket No.: 9931-006US

Title: Method of Determining the Helix Angle of a Helical Formation for a Conduit

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Dear Sir:

Transmittal of Issued Patent Certificate of Correction

The PCT 371 Date of Completion is incorrect on the Issued Patent. The information on the Issued Patent is "Aug. 9, 2005" and it should be "**Aug. 4, 2005**". We respectfully request that the office update their records and correct of the first page of the Issued Patent. Enclosed are the following papers related to the above-identified patent:

- 1) Copy of Request for Correction of Filing Receipt and Notice of Acceptance of Application submitted to the USPTO on 3/10/2006 – 5 pages
- 2) Copy of the USPTO Granted Decision dated 03-16-2006 – 2 pages
- 3) Copy of corrected Notice of Acceptance – 2 pages
- 4) Copy of Certificate of Correction – 1 Page

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), please treat this and any concurrent or future reply in this application that requires a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Respectfully,

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**Request for Correction of Filing Receipt and Notice of Acceptance of Application,
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Enclosed are the following papers related to the above-identified patent application:

1. Transmission Letter with Express Mail Certificate - 2 pages (1x)
2. Copy of *Filing Receipt* (first page only) - 1 page (1x)
3. Copy of *Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495* (first page only) - 1 page (1x)
4. Copy of Return Postcard with stamped date indicated - 1 page (1x)

Please note that on the *Filing Receipt*, the "371(c) date" shown as August 9, 2005 is incorrect. Also, please note that on the *Notice of Acceptance of Application*, the date of August 9, 2005 that appears for the following fields is also incorrect:


- a) "Date of Receipt of 35 U.S.C. 371 [...] Requirements,"
- b) "Date of Completion of All 35 U.S.C. 371 Requirements,"
- c) "Oath or Declaration filed on," and
- d) "Power of Attorney filed on."

The date of August 9, 2005 is incorrect because the USPTO had stamped the date of August 4, 2005 on our return postcard, a copy of which is enclosed. In other words, August 4, 2005 is the date on which the Applicants met the remaining 35 USC 371 requirements (of filing a Declaration and Power of Attorney) and, therefore, is the date that should appear on the two documents identified above.

Please correct the 371(c) date on the *Filing Receipt* and the dates (for the four fields listed above) on the *Notice of Acceptance of Application to August 4, 2005* (i.e., the date that was stamped by the USPTO on the return postcard).

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), please treat this and any concurrent or future reply in this application that requires a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/GB02/05646 12/13/2002

Foreign Applications

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The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is **ACCEPTED** for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

08/09/2005

DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and
 (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

08/09/2005

DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371
 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/03/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/03/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 12/03/2004
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 12/03/2004
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3. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney - 2 Pages (1x)
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Int. Filing Date: 13 December 2002 :
Priority Date: 05 June 2002 :
Attorney Docket No.: 9931-006US :
For: A METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE :
HELIX ANGLE OF A HELICAL :
FORMATION FOR A CONDUIT :

DECISION

This decision is in response to applicants' "Request for Correction of Filing Receipt and Notice of Acceptance of Application in Accordance with 37 CFR 1.181" filed on 10 March 2006 which is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

A review of the subject application shows that the declaration was stamped as received by the USPTO on 09 August 2005. Thus, the Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 1.495 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) and filing receipt indicate that the 371 date was 09 August 2005.

In the petition, applicants claim that the declaration was filed on 04 August 2005. A postcard receipt which itemizes and properly identifies the papers which are being filed serves as *prima facie* evidence of receipt in the USPTO of all the items listed thereon on the date stamped thereon by the USPTO. See § 503 MPEP.

Applicants have provided a copy of the date-stamped postcard receipt for documents submitted 04 August 2005. The application number, title and docket number are listed on the postcard receipt. The postcard receipt indicates that among the documents received in the USPTO included an "Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney." The postcard receipt is stamped as received by the USPTO on 04 August 2005.

In addition, the transmittal letter accompanying the declaration is located in the file. The transmittal letter is stamped as received on 04 August 2005. Moreover, the \$65.00 surcharge fee was also charged on 04 August 2005.

Accordingly, applicants have provided *prima facie* evidence that the declaration was received by the USPTO on 04 August 2005, not 09 August 2005.

For the reasons discussed above, the Form PCT/DO/EO/903 mailed 27 October 2005 and Filing Receipt mailed 13 December 2005 are both **VACATED**.

This application is being forwarded to the DO/EO/US to mail a corrected Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicating a date of receipt of 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) and date of receipt of all 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements of **04 August 2005**, then mailing a corrected filing receipt indicating the same.

The application will then be forwarded to Technology Center 3700 for further processing.


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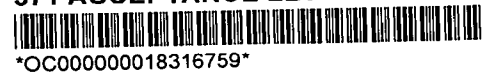
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Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

(86) PCT No.: **PCT/GB02/05646**

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